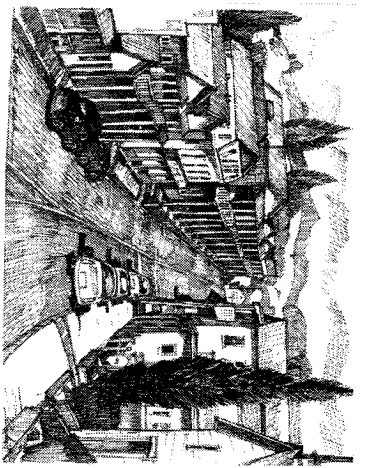


Tales of
SUTTER CREEK
 Main Street Tour

A Guided Walk
 through the history of
 Main Street

Personal accounts
 & stories from
 Tales of Sutter Creek



SUTTER CREEK

The old sign at the south entrance of town states that it was founded in 1846 by Captain John Sutter, with a population of 2,000 and an elevation of 1,200 feet. In reality, Sutter had men cutting wood on the ridges above town prior to the Gold Rush and later did some placer mining here, in 1848-1849. Small during placer mining days, the town grew to its present size with the advent of the great quartz-mining era after the 1860s. Many of the city's mines were the county's most active, most profitable, and longest-running, producing until the mid-1950s.

When it started in 1848-49, the settlement of Sutter Creek was a small camp offering food, drink, and mining equipment. By 1854, it was an actual town, which was legally founded on September 4th of that year. Business signs marked the village's chief emporiums: Union Hotel, American

Hotel, Adams and Company Express, and Downs and Hanford General Store.

Within a few miles radius were eight quartz mines crushing ore. Mining was developing and would become a huge industry with the advent of a foundry. Sutter Creek started to resemble a bustling New England industrial town. It soon boasted a post office, bakeries, barber and blacksmith shops, grocery and dry goods stores, saloons, restaurants, and laundries. Professional people soon mingled with the multitude of miners. As men sent for their wives, churches and schools quickly followed. By the 1860s, the town became respectable.

From that time on, the town's population, which averaged between 1,200 and 1,500 people, built homes and raised families. Most worked in the mines surrounding town and in the foundry. Other families established shops



selling supplies and fineries and operated boarding houses for single miners.

The town became a heterogeneous blend of people from all over the world.

Immigrants poured in here from all parts of the Americas, Europe, Asia, and the Pacific Islands. Most significant to the town's history, flavor, and architecture were those from Cornwall (England), Italy, and Yugoslavia. They built buildings from brick, wood frame, stone, and concrete. Note particularly the native stone buildings with iron doors to control fire. Classic and Victorian era architecture featured overhanging porches with Carpenter Gothic columns and adornments. Though many fires changed the face of Sutter Creek, with the last one occurring in 1888, the buildings you see today are either original or have been carefully restored to their 1800s style.

Proud of its heritage, Sutter Creek, with its Main Street, Highway 49, boasts the truly unique look of a 19th century California Gold Rush town.

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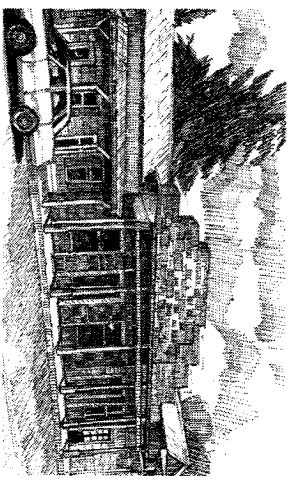
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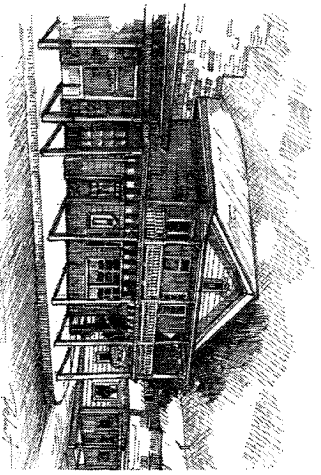
SUTTER CREEK MAIN STREET Historic Buildings

Sections of block are numbered from # 1 on the northeast side of Main to the southeast side, #9. The tour turns back at the southwest corner (#10) and heads north, ending at #17.



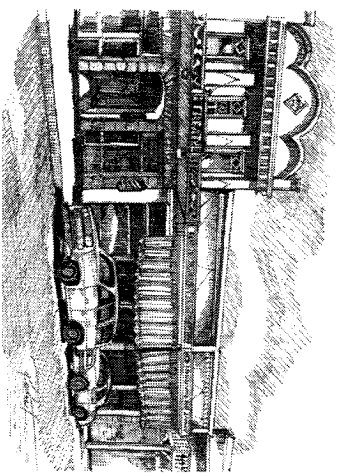
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Sorocco - Chisholm Residence, C. Sorocco General Store.



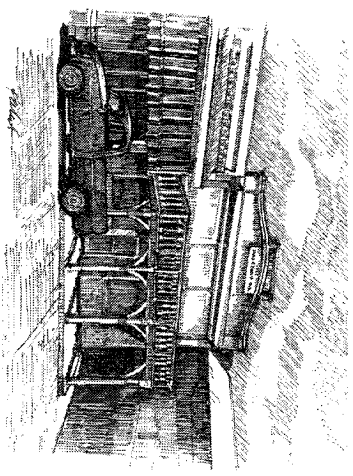
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Boros Corner Saloon, Mevi's Our Corner Saloon, Sutter Creek Beer Garden.



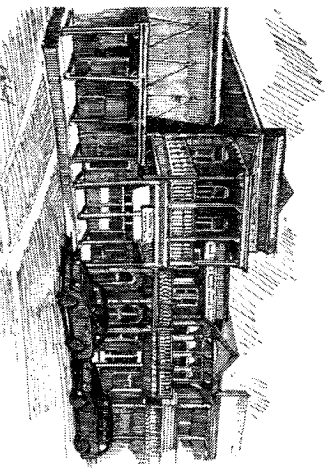
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Ratto Theatre, Mandich Liquor, John Cox Bar, Lagomarsino Hat Shop, New York Johnny Barber, Lucot Dry Goods.



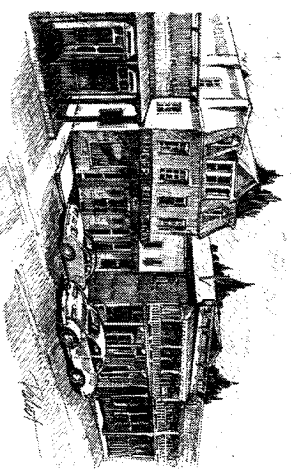
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Coblentz, Lucot Grocery, Brinn Store, Malatesta Grocery, Hayden-McMillan Bakery.



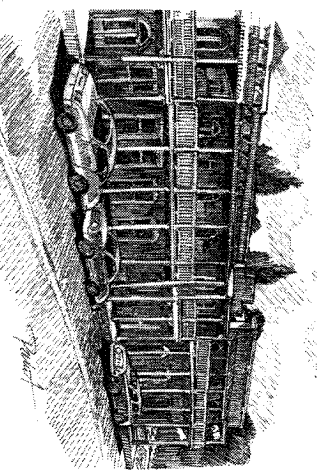
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Berta Saloon, Fan Club, Fereccio Restaurant, Dr. Warburton, Corbet's Grocery, Raditz Millinery, Cuneo Plumbing, Vivaldi-Central Hotel.



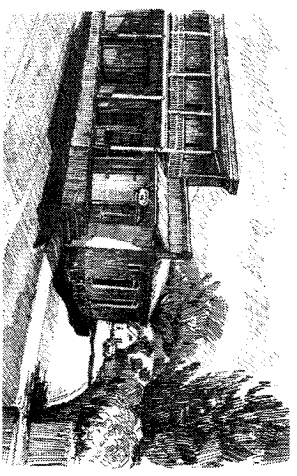
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Dennis-Botto Morris-Seibe Drugs, American Exchange, Nixon-Bellotti Hotel, Cavern Saloon, Ratto Theatre, Werner-Cassinelli Butcher Shop.



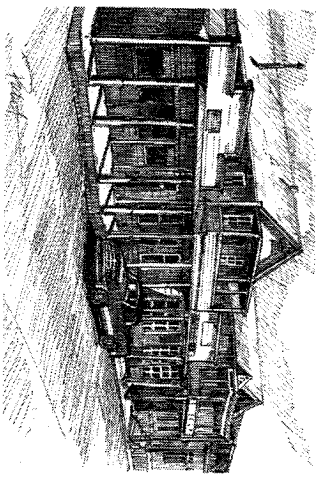
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Eureka Hotel, Puccini Hotel, Biaggi Restaurant, Raffetto Shoemaker, Mascot Saloon, Telephone Office, Zeihn Tailor.



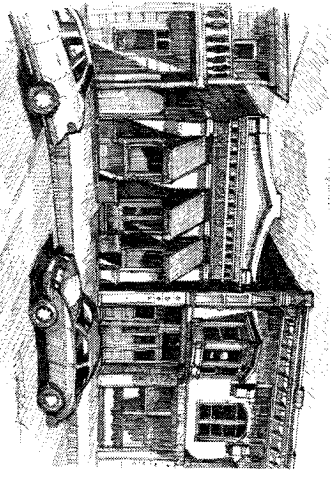
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Brignoli General Store and Hardware, Keyes Street.



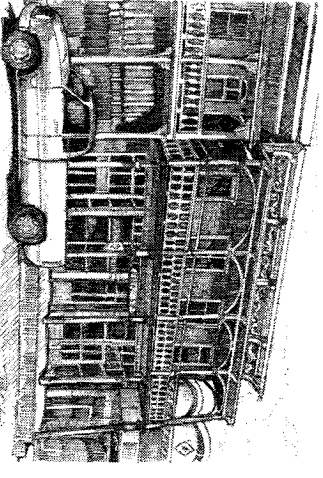
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Dr. Goodman, Sutter Creek Sanitarium, Monteverde Meat, Tucker Plumbing, Malatesta Shoemaker, Jewellery, Sing Travelers Cave, New Meat Market.



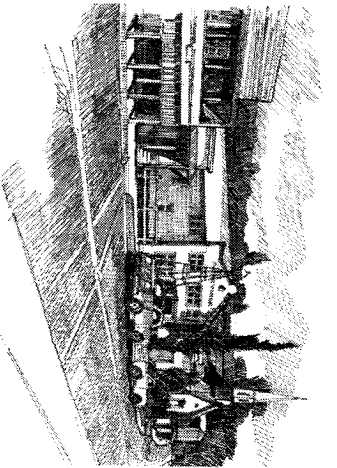
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Clemen's Saloon, Wildman Stove, Bank of Amador, Moore Hotel, Telegraph Office, Native Sons Lodge, Sutter Hotel.



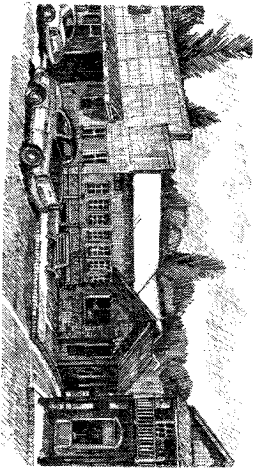
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Levaggi Dance Hall, Klimas Antiques, C. E. Richards Grocery, Wise Drugs, Hancock Saloon, Richards-Esola Green Grocer.



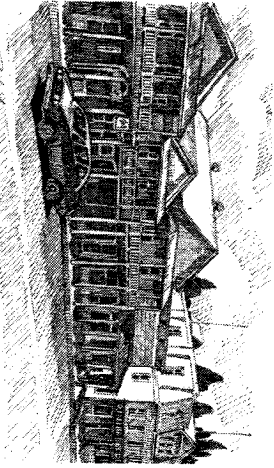
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Wrinkles Variety, Eagle-Mascot Saloon, Galino Store, DePaoli Dentist, Rabb Livery, Fraser-Reinholt Blacksmith, Methodist Church, Safeway-Crain's, LeDoux-Martell Blacksmith.



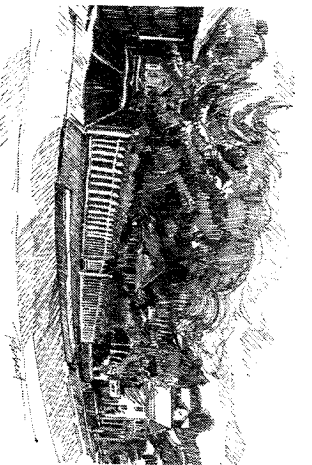
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Tibbits Foundry, Blue Lakes Water, Downs Electric, Steam Laundry, Pinotti Bakery, Post Office, Hubble Building, Library, Canapa Bar.



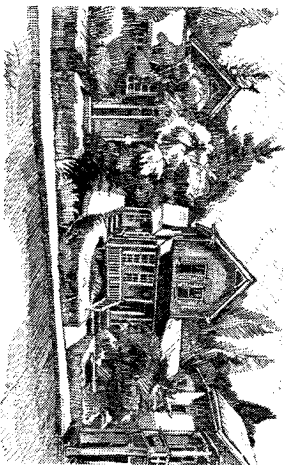
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Canale Shoemaker, Footer Dry Goods, Marks Clothing, Gills Grocery, Barnes Appliance, Post Office, Telephone, Odd Fellows, Masons, Bank of America.



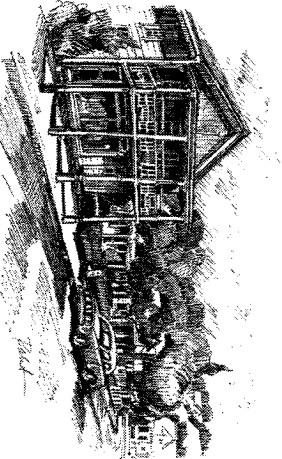
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Brignoli Home, Knights of the Assyrian Cross Hall.



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Keyes House, Clark-Vorheis House, Sutter Creek Inn, Brinn-Fagan House, Foxes Inn.



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Rizzi Louvre Saloon, Jensen Shoes, Sargentini Bar, Frank Sorocco House, Minne Provis Notary.